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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

In the screw thread 21, a plug 17 provided with corresponding screw thread 22 can be detachably received. The plug 17 comprises a body part 23 which can be received in the free end 16 of the tube bore 11. Further, the plug 17 comprises a ~~sealing ring~~ clamping member 24 which can be screwed onto the body part 23 with the aid of a bolt (not shown), such that a sealing ring 25 and, optionally a support ring 26 can be sealingly screwed onto the top face 19 of the tube plate 9. A suitable sealing ring is the "variscal" from the firm of Busak+Shambarn. By detaching the plug 17, a tube 6 from the nest 5 can be made individually accessibly for cleaning purposes.